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Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 63/227 of 19 December 2008, in which the Assembly decided to convene the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries at a high level in 2011, as well as Assembly resolutions 64/213 of 21 December 2009 and 65/171 of 20 December 2010,

Recalling also the Istanbul Declaration and the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020,[1] adopted by the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries,

Reaffirming the overarching goal of the Istanbul Programme of Action to overcome the structural challenges faced by the least developed countries in order to eradicate poverty, achieve internationally agreed development goals and enable graduation from least developed country category,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 65/__ of __ June 2011, by which the Assembly recalled the Istanbul Declaration and the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020,

Recalling also the ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of its substantive session of 2011 on the theme "Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to education",

* E/2011/100 and Corr.1.
[1] See A/CONF.219/7, forthcoming.

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Recalling further its resolution 2010/27 of 23 July 2010 on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010,

1. *Takes note* of the oral report of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States on the implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020;

2. *Expresses* its profound gratitude to the Government and the people of Turkey for hosting the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries in Istanbul from 9 to 13 May 2011 and for providing all the necessary support, and also expresses its gratitude to other donors and contributors for their generous contributions to the Conference and its preparatory process;

3. *Welcomes with appreciation* the decision taken by the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services at its 2011 annual session to integrate the Istanbul Programme of Action within their programmes of work;

4. *Also welcomes with appreciation* the decision taken by the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund at its 2011 annual session to integrate the Istanbul Programme of Action within its programme of work;

5. *Invites* all other organizations of the United Nations system and other multilateral organizations, including the Bretton Woods institutions and international and regional financial institutions, to integrate the Istanbul Declaration and the Istanbul Programme of Action within their programmes of work and within their intergovernmental processes and to effectively contribute to the full and timely implementation of the Programme of Action;

6. *Invites* its functional commissions, such as the Statistical Commission, the Commission on Science and Technology for Development and the Commission on Sustainable Development, to make effective contributions to the implementation and review of the Istanbul Programme of Action, including by refining and finalizing indicators established by the Statistical Commission on the commitments made in the Istanbul Programme of Action, in accordance with their respective mandates;

7. *Decides* to include the priority areas of the Istanbul Programme of Action in its review of implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits;

8. *Calls upon* the least developed countries, with the support of their development partners, to promote implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action, including by integrating its provisions into their national policies and development framework and conducting regular reviews with the full involvement of all key stakeholders;

9. *Also calls upon* the least developed countries, in cooperation with their development partners, to broaden their existing country review mechanisms, including those for the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals, poverty reduction strategy papers, common country assessments and United Nations Development Assistance Frameworks, and the existing consultative mechanisms to cover the review of the Istanbul Programme of Action;

10. *Calls upon* the development partners and all other relevant actors to implement the Istanbul Programme of Action by integrating it into their respective national cooperation policy frameworks, programmes and activities, as appropriate, to ensure enhanced, predictable and targeted support to the least developed countries, as set out in the Istanbul Programme of Action, and also calls upon them to monitor the delivery of their commitments and consider appropriate measures to overcome shortfalls or shortcomings, if any;

11. *Underlines* the need to undertake the steps necessary to ensure mutual accountability of least developed countries and their development partners for delivering their commitments undertaken under the Istanbul Programme of Action;

12. *Decides* to include the review of the implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action in its annual ministerial review in 2015;

13. *Also decides* that the Development Cooperation Forum will take up the Istanbul Programme of Action when it reviews trends in international development cooperation and policy coherence for development;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a progress report on the implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020 to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2012.